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#### **5751 - PARENTAL STATUS OF STUDENTS**

The Board of Education is committed to maintaining an education environment that is free from discrimination based on sex or any other protected class factors. No student, whether married or unmarried, who is otherwise eligible to attend school in the District shall be discriminated against or denied participation in an educational program or activity solely because of pregnancy, childbirth, pregnancy-related disabilities, or actual or potential parenthood. Complaints of sex-based discrimination will be addressed pursuant to Board Policy 2260.

**[ X ]** The Board designates The District Title IX Coordinator to oversee and coordinate its efforts to comply with Title IX and its implementing regulations:

<https://www.swcsd.us/HarassmentIntimidationBullyingInformation.aspx>

Pregnant students and students recovering from childbirth may request reasonable modifications to support their pregnancy-related needs by contacting the ( X ) principal ( X ) school counselor ( X ) or school nurse. In the event that a student is unable to attend school due to a pregnancy-related condition, the student will be considered on an excused absence for as long a period as is deemed medically necessary by the student's physician. At the conclusion of the absence, the student shall be reinstated to the same academic and extracurricular status that the student held when the absence began, and shall be afforded an opportunity to make up any work missed while absent.

Lactating students will be provided with a reasonable amount of time to express breast milk during the school day ( X ) for up to one (1) calendar year after birth of the child. An appropriate location will be provided that is suitable for expressing breast milk. The location must be shielded from view and not accessible during usage by any other person. The location provided may not be a bathroom. The ( X ) school nurse ( X ) Principal will develop a schedule for expressing breast milk based on the student's current needs. The schedule will be adjusted as the needs of the lactating student change. Students will be excused from class for scheduled breaks and will be permitted to make up any work missed. The Principal is responsible for notifying staff who may need to excuse the student from class or a scheduled activity to express breast milk.

Students will not be required to submit a doctor's note as a condition of participating in a curricular or extracurricular program or activity unless a doctor's note is required from all students who have a physical or mental condition requiring treatment by a doctor or who have been recently hospitalized for other types of medical conditions.

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~~5751~~ **PREGNANT STUDENTS**

Educational opportunities are part of the value system of a free society and education in our increasingly complex and technological society is a pre-requisite for the opportunity to lead a full and productive life. Therefore, the Board affirms the right of a pregnant student to continue her participation in the public school program.

As soon as the pregnancy is medically confirmed, the South Western City Board of Education recommends that the student consult with a member of the student personnel staff or the principal to plan her educational program.

With the staff member involved, the student may elect any of the following educational plans or suggest alternatives:

- A. She may remain in her present school program, with modifications as necessary, until the birth of her baby is imminent or until her physician states that continued participation would be detrimental to her health or that of the baby.
- B. Once it has been determined by the student's physician that the student is unable to attend school, home instruction will be available at school expense until her physician states that she is physically able to return to school.
- C. With Board approval she may temporarily withdraw from school and enroll in an approved educational program where she can continue her education.

Efforts will be made to see that the educational program of the student is disrupted as little as possible; that she receives health and counseling services, as well as instruction; that she is encouraged to return to school after delivery; and that she is given every opportunity to complete the school year.